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SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION OF US JOURNALIST IN THE GDR

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1. WELLINGTON LONG OF UPI OFFICE IN BONN CALLED EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT GDR MFA HAS ADVISED HIM THAT NOMINATION OF JOEL FLEMING FOR ACCREDITATION AS UPI CORRESPONDENT IN THE GDR SHOULD BE MADE BY THE EMBASSY TO THE MINISTRY* LONG FOUND THIS PROPOSAL STRANGE, AS DOES THE EMBASSY.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER ADVISED LONG THAT INQUIRY WOULD SOON BE MADE TO MFA TO SUBSTANTIATE GDR EMBASSY WASHINGTON ASSERTION THAT FLEMING OF UPI AND FLORA LEWIS OF NYT HAD BEEN ACCREDITED AND ISSUED MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ON THAT OCCASION THE MFA WILL MAKE A SIMILAR PROPOSAL TO THE EMBASSY, WHICH WE INTENT TO REJECT ON THE GROUND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE PRIVATE MEDIAT AND CANNOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY CONCERNING WHICH U.S. CORRESPONDENTS ARE TO BE NOMINATED FOR ACCREDITATION.

3. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS TACTIC IS RELATED TO THE GDR EFFORT TO OBTAIN MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR THEIR CORRESPONDENTS IN THE U.S.
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